Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

I OPPOSE H.B. 5397 and S.B. 477.

There is NO "Gun Violence", there is only violence.

I object to the formations of a Commission on Gun Violence, as it will be populated by unelected individuals, selected by unelected people who work for the Department of Public Health to make \$7,000,000 decisions that will impact the entire state. The representation pool, as described in the bill, is skewed toward members of organizations that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars *lobbying for gun control* here in Connecticut. This yet another attempt to suppress legal gun ownership thinly veiled as a commission.

I urge you to vote no for both H.B. 5397 and S.B. 477.

Sincerely, Kathryn Drysdale Cheshire, CT